



## Much To Do About Something

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We all bought a Palm OS handheld to help us stay organized - whether it's managing contacts or projects or tracking ideas. The built-in programs will get you pretty far, but sometimes you need more. In this issue we look at some tools for making the To Do applet a little tougher.

At the top of the list is a full-blown To Do list enhancement, [ToDo PLUS](#) from Hands High Software. With its filtering feature that lets you select only those tasks you want to see (so you don't clutter up your priorities with tasks that can wait), tools for quickly reorganizing your tasks, and alarms (why didn't Palm think of that?) ToDo PLUS does just about everything you want your standard To Do list to do.

ToDo PLUS also provides a summary view of tasks - perfect for those of us with many categories of responsibilities (work, home, school, second job) who need to check in the morning to highlight everything important we need to accomplish that day. For those odd little tasks that require a little extra information (directions to that little after work cocktail p[arty]), the program supports small sketches. One especially great feature lets users set repeating tasks.

Repeating tasks is all the reason behind Rick Huebner's [ReDo](#) applet, which doesn't replace the Palm's To Do app but makes a much-needed enhancement. With ReDo you can set up recurring tasks that will automatically feed into your main To Do list.

Unfortunately, it doesn't work the other way around - you can't send tasks from your standard To Do list into ReDo. Cost is \$11.95.

Repeating tasks are just one of the needs most Palm users grow to expect from their To Do applet. Another is tracking tasks that might not fall on a specific date, but nevertheless repeat at somewhat regular intervals. Changing the oil in your car is a good example. You can track all of these kinds of semi-regular tasks with [BlueMoon](#) from Stormgate Communications.

This \$12 To Do enhancement stores a history log of when you completed certain tasks and allows you to include a note about each occurrence -- great for tracking medical information, such as the circumstances behind a series of allergy attacks.

You can configure BlueMoon to interact with your standard To Do app so that it inserts an entry there as your scheduled task data approaches.

A smaller but useful enhancement to the To Do app can be found in the \$4.95 BIG To Do program, which you can [download from Palmgear](#). Because this enhancement expands the Palm's priority ranking from 5 to 10, users who are used to the A1, A2, A3, B1 (and so on) system of setting priorities can finally set their Palm To Do app to work the way they want. The program integrates with the standard To Do program, so there's nothing to learn once you've set it up.

A good To Do manager is essential to staying organized with your Palm. These and other enhancements and replacements makes your Palm To Do all it needs to be.

ToDo+ ▼ All	▼ All
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Plan a date with my wife	11/14
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Buy Christmas present for Uncle Glen	11/14
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Call Mom	—
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Take out trash	11/15
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Fax plans to office	11/15
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Buy dog food	11/20



### Review Sketchy 1.0

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[www.handheld.hice-dev.org](http://www.handheld.hice-dev.org)

Think of those flipbooks you made as a kid and you have the basic idea behind this simple animation program. Use Sketchy to make animated drawings that can be as much as 999 frames in length. You don't need a lot of drawing talent to put the program to work because it provides simple geometric shapes that you can use to create your pictures. You can also use the program's free-hand pencil tool.

The program has delete and repeat functions, which are really helpful in creating just the frame you need. If you have a small object moving

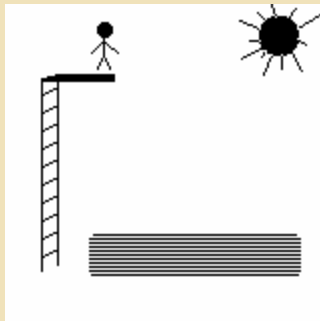
against a background of other objects, for example, you can recreate the scene and then use the eraser to block out the one object and draw it again in another position.

You can make edits to individual frames, using the menu bar's Edit or Frame commands, or make global changes with the program's Project menu.

Have fun making informative slideshow presentations, or create a demonstration of a

process. It won't cost anything but your time, as the program is free.

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#### Money in Your Pocket

If you're using one of the more popular Palm personal finance programs but have been thinking about switching to Pocket Quicken, here's your chance. Until September 3, 2001 you can buy Pocket Quicken 2.01 for only \$19.95 (regular \$39.95) by showing proof that you own a copy of SplashMoney, QMate, Accounts and Loans, PMT, PocketMoney, or BankBook. Go to [www.landware.com](http://www.landware.com).

#### Handspring Call at Home

The Parafone cordless telephone Springboard module recently came on the market in the United States and Canada. Users of this module can access phone numbers stored on a Visor, then use the phones handsfree headset to talk to others. The software that comes with the phone provides an interface for finding numbers, making calls, and even setting up conference calls. It even keeps track of the calls you've made for billing purposes or for follow up. Suggested retail price is \$119.

### New Products

#### ACDSeeMobile

Get the picture - right on your Palm - with this Palm OS version of ACD System's photo viewer and manager software. The software lets users view and convert nine different image types from their desktop PCs to a Palm OS powered handheld device. Images can be cropped and resized on the handheld - even color depth can be adjusted - and beamed to other Palm users. ACDSee Mobile can act as a plug-in to the company's more robust graphics and imaging programs. Cost is \$19.95. [ACD Systems](#).

#### ThoughtManager 2.12

The latest upgrade to this outline and note keeper handles random information and scheduled data by letting users jot notes and then drag and drop them into an organization that suits their individual tastes. The program is great for class notes, simple lists, or just for capturing your latest creative ideas. Costs \$19.95. [Hands High Software](#).